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Lance Cpl. Ryan Noel, forward observer, Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, practices tying knots in an interactive exhibit at the Hawaii Maritime Center Sunday.



Lance Cpl. Kristopher Baran, cannoneer, Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, looks at hooks made of fish bones at the Hawaii Maritime Center.



The whaling general store, part of the Kohala Lele exhibit, gives Hawaii Maritime Center visitors a taste of what products whalers bought during Hawaii's whaling period.

Hawaii Maritime Center

Hawaii's nautical history unfolds here

Lance Cpl. Regina A. Ruisi

Combat Correspondent

There is only one destination in Hawaii that promises whale bones, a cruise ship and a flying cow all under one roof: the Hawaii Maritime Center.

Located on Pier 7 on the beautiful and historic Honolulu Harbor, the museum is open to the public seven days a week, and offers various exhibits, interactive, video and static display for visitors to enjoy.

"This museum has the history of maritime Hawaii from the time the Polynesians came up to Capt. Cook, the Russians, French, British and Americans, and cruise ships," said Kevin Williams, docent, Hawaii Maritime Center. "There's a skeletal Humpback whale and even flying cows, although they look skeptical."

An audio-guided tour of the museum takes visitors through Hawaii's nautical history, from the discovery of Hawaii to modern

research vessels examining specimens from Pacific areas. Exhibits about the exploration and death of Capt. Cook, the history of Honolulu Harbor, life on a ship and hundreds of ancient artifacts make the walk around the small museum visually appealing and intellectually stimulating.

For the younger visitors, hands-on displays like knot tying, conducting "research" aboard the S.S. Malama, a Hawaiian research vessel, and walking on the deck of a speed boat are entertaining, and adults can take their time to learn about Hawaii's maritime past.

"It's the first time my sons are here," said Darren Martinez, Honolulu resident, who visited the museum Sunday with his two sons. "I've been here once before. They like the hands on exhibits and the videos."

A quick step outside and visitors are staring up at the "Falls of Clyde," the world's soul surviving four-masted, full-rigging ship. The ship itself can no longer be toured, as it is being renovated, but visitors can see the ship

and artifacts found aboard it in the museum. The ship was built in 1878, and served Hawaii as a trading ship. It was made a National Historic Landmark in 1989, and is anchored beside the museum, viewable to the public. The ship's renovations, however, may cease and the historic ship may be sunk if renovation funds aren't raised for the ship's preservation.

Environmental exhibits show the impact of humans on the island of Oahu, and the importance of the ocean to Oahu's ecosystem. In the whaling exhibit, visitors see the impact of whaling on the Hawaiian people and even get to see a Humpback whale skeleton, called "Lei Iwi," Hawaiian for Lei of Cherished Bones. Exhibits of Hawaii's first cruise ship, the S.S. Lurline, and surfing show the effect modern society has played on the seas of Hawaii.

"Up to 90 percent of what we consume on Oahu is brought through Honolulu Harbor," Williams said.

The impact of the harbor during the industrial revolution is displayed through an exhibit featuring the promised "flying cow," a stuffed, life-sized cow hoisted by harnesses as if being lowered onto a ship deck.

From a Polynesian canoe to seaplanes, different kinds of boats used in Hawaii's history can be found in the museum, and offer the visitor a sense of development, showing how far Hawaii, particularly Honolulu Harbor, has come in its existence.

The museum is part of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, and is open daily from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. An admission fee of \$8.50 for adults, and \$5.50 for children three through 12 is required (children under three are free), but there are military and military child discounts available. Audio tours are available in English, as well as Japanese and Korean.

For more information about the Hawaii Maritime Center call 523-6151, or visit their Web site at <http://www.bishopmuseum.org/exhibits/hmc/hmc.html>.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Regina A. Ruisi

The Hawaii Maritime Center is located on Pier 7 at Honolulu Harbor and is open daily for visitors to take a walk through Hawaii's maritime history. The museum features displays covering maritime history from the landing of Polynesian canoes to the modern boats of today and is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Military discounts are available.

Desert Diaries

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Since 1965, the Marine Corps has effectively preserved its history through the Marine Corps Oral History Branch. The corps-wide program is conducted here by Capt. Diana Mearns, the historical program officer, who documents the accounts of Hawaii's service members. The warriors' stories are collected orally and join the ranks of thousands of Marines and Sailors who've come before them, dating back to the Vietnam War.

"Desert Diaries" tells the personal stories of pride and loyalty, humor and sadness, and the glory and horror of America's wars. The stories are provided by the base historian, and are published to help share our warriors' stories with the public.

"... we knew that day we had saved those soldiers and Marines' lives by providing close air support."

From the time he can remember, Capt. David Schnick always wanted to be a pilot. He grew up looking toward the Wisconsin sky as a child, Schnick would see military aircraft flying overhead and knew that's what he wanted to do.

"I joined the Marine Corps because I wanted to fly," he said.

After attending college in Wisconsin and

Marine Corps Officer Candidates School, Schnick went to Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort where he deployed to Iraq in 2006. His unit was responsible for providing air support for 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, who he would end up being part of a year later.

Now the air officer with 3/3, Schnick deployed with the battalion in July 2007, returning home to Hawaii in February. There he and his Marines provided close air support for the infantrymen on the ground.

Schnick's job included looking for improvised explosive device planters and the IEDs themselves, and checked for areas of fire so he could provide close air support.

"Something would happen at least once a week in Ramadi, so we'd end up flying over there a lot," Schnick said.

One particularly gratifying event Schnick remembers from his time in Iraq was supporting an Army unit with communications and close air support. The unit was pinned down, taking enemy fire from 20 insurgents, and couldn't radio back to their battalion commander to request to

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fire back. Schnick and his Marines were flying overhead and could receive radio transmissions from the Army unity and provided the link the soldiers needed to engage the enemy.

"We were able to relay the request to give them the approval to fire and relayed it back to them," Schnick said. "We were given authorization to fire, so we did. There were a number of Iraqi [killed in action] left behind and their AK-47s. That was a real positive experience for us because we were dealing with infantrymen who were pinned down in a ditch, and we knew that day we had saved those soldiers and Marines' lives by providing close air

support."

When Schnick and his Marines weren't flying three or four hour missions, they were working on al Asad Air Base in their squadrons.

"We really didn't have a lot of hardships," Schnick said of life on the air base. "Once and a while the electricity went out or they'd have trouble trucking food down, but to be completely honest, compared to what was happening around us and what was happening to the infantrymen, the grunts out in the field, we were living in luxury."

Monthly incoming rockets were the only things the Marines worried about, and most times the rockets didn't make it close enough to do damage to anything but the flight line. Schnick remembers one specific day he was on duty when the base was rocketed by insurgents.

"A large bang went off outside and a Marine walked in, his eyes the size of saucers, and said, 'Sir, we were just rocketed,'" Schnick said.

The attack hit near the Marines' living quarters and put holes in aircraft.

"In typical Marine fashion, the Marines went over to look at the hole, and as they're looking into it, [explosive ordnance disposal] shows up and said it was an un-detonated rocket," Schnick said.

A Day in the Life

Lance Cpl. Achilles Tsantarliotis

Combat Correspondent

Editor's note: A Day in the Life highlights military occupational specialties and Department of Defense jobs throughout the Marine Corps. This series gives appreciation to the thousands of service members, DoD employees and civilians who make Marine Corps Base Hawaii and installation of excellence.

Your son or daughter is having problems at school; countless attempts to resolve the problem have left you unsatisfied. If only there was a third party to help resolve the conflict. Fortunately, there is.

The school liaison officer.

Amy Madsen's job as the school liaison officer is an occupation unique to the military world. It's a job that requires understanding and passion, for both the military side, and the school.

The school liaison officer is accountable for a spectrum of duties. Ensuring the base commander the military personnel's children are in good hands, helping parents inbound to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, answer any questions or concerns about the education provided, and resolving conflicts between parents and the school.

"I help keep the school connected to the command," Madsen said. "I'll help resolve conflicts that arise between the 'military world' and the school. Parents are very passionate about their children's education and sometimes it takes a lot of patience and understanding to help them."

The school liaison officer helps

clarify some policies to parents who might come from a different type of educational environment, said Annette Ostram, principal, Mokapu Elementary School.

"She's very helpful," Ostram said. "It'd be much more difficult to get parents information – she helps smooth everything out."

The school liaison officer has been the turning point in some active duty families skeptical of taking orders to Hawaii, because of the misconceptions surrounding the public schools here.

"I was ending my duty in Okinawa," said Brian Nuss, security manager, MCB Hawaii. "And I got the option of coming to Hawaii, but the more and more I researched into it, I became apprehensive. Education is very important to my family, and I wasn't too happy about what I was hearing. After a few weeks of corresponding with [Madsen] I wasn't worried anymore. She was instrumental in taking orders here."

Madsen, a prior Marine officer, had taken on the occupation as a reservist in August 2004. The billet was created six months before in March, and wasn't intended as a permanent duty, until it was decided to transition to a civilian held billet.

"They had turned the position into a

civilian billet as I was ending my reserve service," she said. "I had applied like many others, and they chose me to continue as the [SLO] which I was happy to do."

Madsen at the time had recently ended nine years of service in the Marine Corps as a captain, and even though she never thought of pursuing a career in an education field, continued to provide the mediating services to active duty families and their children's schools.

Madsen credits some of her ability to successfully help both, concerned families and schools, to her prior service as an officer and being able to relate to military families, and as a mother.

"While I was an officer I did everything from adjutant to aid-de-camp," she explained. "And when I had first started working as the SLO I was taken aback, here I was working with a general and now I was being screamed at by parents. I didn't understand how passionate they were about their children. I took a look at what skills would be beneficial in this job and started working on them, understanding all sides of concern, helping find a resolution between what parents and teachers might think is right for the kids, and sometimes just talking to the parents – their significant others are deployed and their just stressed out. You'd be surprised

how 10-minutes of talking can help them alleviate their issues."

For a job that has no real definition and endless expectations, Madsen said she handles everything differently and will do whatever she can to help.

"It's really rewarding," Madsen said. "I really enjoy helping people, and even though I'm not in the Marine Corps anymore – I still hold a special place in my heart for Marines, and I'll continue to support them."



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Amy Madsen, school liaison officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, gathers information for inbound parents. Madsen bridges the two communities, military and Hawaiian schools, to help answer any question and alleviate any conflicts.



Christine Cabalo

Mokapu Elementary School kindergartners sit April 13 with service dogs from Hawaii Fi-Do as part of their rewards program. Students heard and read stories featuring dogs as they sat with their four-legged friends.

Hawaii Fi-Do helps Mokapu students read to succeed

Christine Cabalo

Photojournalist

Students are learning new tricks from Hawaii Fi-Do Service Dogs at Mokapu Elementary School.

Kindergarteners who meet their behavior standards earn special library reading time with the dogs each month. The reading program, which began for Mokapu students in December 2007, may come to an end this quarter if the school has insufficient funds.

"In order to get the reward, a student has to meet a goal they set up during the week," said Krista Nielsen, dean of students, Mokapu Elementary School. "They rate themselves, and if they get enough positive marks they can spend time with the dogs."

Nielsen said students are very honest about rating themselves, and they're eager to earn reading time with the service dogs. Students pair up at the school library, spending a few minutes reading books as they sit with a dog and its handler. Bernie Leonard, kindergarten teacher, Mokapu Elementary School, said it's encouraged her students to improve their reading skills so they can actively read to the dogs. The books they read during the sessions also feature dogs in action.

"It's very calming to be with the service dogs," Leonard said. "The students have more self-esteem afterward, and they learn to take care of animals. There's also less hitting from each other on the playground."

The kindergarten teacher said the most aggressive children in

See SUCCEED, B-5

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Friday and Saturday 7:15 p.m., shows are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Sunday matinee is shown at 2 p.m. Shows are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Evening showings on Sunday and Wednesday are at 6:30 p.m. and late shows are shown Friday and Saturday at 9:45 p.m. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

Sneak Preview Policy: One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

In an effort to prevent piracy, the following security measures will be enforced on base for sneak preview screenings: bag checks, confiscation of cameras or cell phones with picture taking capability (items will be returned after screening), magnetometer wand, audience scanning with night vision goggles during screening.

The Base Theater and film companies thank you in advance for your cooperation and hope you will enjoy the show. For recorded information, call the Base Theater at 254-7642.

Spiderwick Chronicles (PG)
Jumper (PG13)
Fools Gold (PG13)
Step Up 2: The Streets (PG13)
Spiderwick Chronicles (PG)
Jumper (PG13)
Fools Gold (PG13)
Definitely, Maybe (PG13)
Witless Protection (R)

Today at 7:15 p.m.
Today at 9:45 p.m.
Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
Sunday at 2 p.m.
Sunday at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Friday at 7:15 p.m.
Friday at 9:45 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON BASE

Word to Pass

National Library Week Celebration

Celebrate National Library Week at the base library during regular business hours Monday to April 19.

Enhance your library skills and take home a special treat with the Library Trivia Game. The event is open to all library patrons.

For more information, call Merri Fernandez at 254-7624.

Operation Homefront: Fun Day at Tiki Island

Families can enjoy a day of miniature golf, bumper boats, bouncy house and snacks Saturday from 12 to 3 p.m. Please bring a towel or change of clothes. Information and tickets for the event are distributed by unit family readiness officers.

For additional information, call Louise Yeager at 257-2410.

Wine Tasting at the Officers’ Club

This free event is open to all officers and sponsored guests and features wines from Better Brands at the Officers’ Club Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m.

For more information, call Don Figueira at 254-7650.

Baby Boot Camp

The Base Chapel will host Baby Boot Camp Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The class educates parents and expecting parents on childbirth and infant care. The class is open to all active duty and their spouses. Reservations are required.

For more information, contact the New Parent Support Program at 257-8803.

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Marriage Skills

A Marriage Skills workshop will be held in the Joint Education Center Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop is open to active duty personnel planning to

get married or recently married. Spouses and fiancées are also encouraged to come.

The workshop provides information on becoming a successful military family. Topics include couples communication, budgeting and finances, resources for couples and families and a personality type inventory.

For more information, contact Marine and Family Services at 257-7790.

Sea Life Park Military Promotions

April is military child month for Sea Life Park. Children 12 and under will be admitted free with paid adult admission.

When you purchase any dolphin interactive program you can choose from a free Hawaiian Ray Encounter or a free sea lion feeding.

May is military appreciation month at Sea Life Park. The park is offering a free Hawaiian Ray Encounter or a free sea lion feeding with the purchase of any dolphin interactive program.

For more information, call John Hobus at 259-2503.

Art in the Park

Children, Youth & Teen Program will host an Art in the Park event Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event is open to all families here. Arts, crafts and games are specifically appropriate for children 1 through 11.

For more information, call Tebra Minor at 257-1388.

Mongolian Barbecue

Mongolian Barbecue is now available at Camp Smith’s Sunset Lanai every Wednesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The barbecue will cost 80 cents an ounce.

For more information, contact Marine Corps Community Services at 484-9322.

Crafters Wanted for Annual Puohala Elementary School Craft Fair

The 15th annual 'Imi Pono Craft Fair and Concert will be held on May 3, 2008 from 9am-4pm at Pu'ohala Elementary School. We are looking for crafters for our event.

Crafter fees include a \$10 deposit fee and a booth fee ranging from: \$30 for a lawn area, \$40 for a covered walkway and \$50 for the cafe.

For an application or more information, contact Nita at jwolfgramm@gmail.com.

On the Menu

AT ANDERSON HALL

Friday

Lunch

Veal parmesan
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Beef ravioli
Grilled Italian sausage
Mixed vegetables
Simmered asparagus
Lemon chiffon pie
Chocolate chip cookies
Marble cake w/chocolate frosting
Vanilla cream pudding
Chocolate cream pudding
Lime/raspberry gelatin

Dinner

Cantonese spareribs
Beef pot pie
Mashed potatoes
Buttered egg noodles
Calico corn
Simmered broccoli
Savory bread dressing
Turkey gravy
Cranberry sauce
Desserts: same as lunch

Saturday

Dinner

Szechwan chicken
Tempura shrimp
Pork fried rice
Noodles Jefferson
Vegetable stir fry
Simmered broccoli
Chinese egg rolls
Sweet and sour sauce
Cherry pie
Ginger w/cookies
Spice cake with butter cream frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Strawberry/lemon gelatin

Sunday

Dinner

Barbeque beef cubes
Baked turkey and noodles
Steamed rice
Creole green beans
Simmered cabbage
Chicken gravy
Sweet potato pie
Chocolate chip cookies
Yellow cake w/chocolate chip frosting
Vanilla cream pudding
Chocolate cream pudding
Cherry/orange gelatin

Monday

Lunch

Meat loaf
Pork ham roast
Tossed green rice
Mashed potatoes
Peas & mushrooms
French fried cauliflower
Brown gravy
Boston cream pie
Peanut butter cookies
Peanut butter cake
Peanut butter cream frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Lime/raspberry gelatin

Dinner

Beef brogul
Baked cajun salmon steaks
Potatoes o'brian
Noodles jefferson
Club spinach
Mixed vegetables
Brown gravy
Desserts: same as lunch

Tuesday

Lunch

Simmered corn beef w/apple glaze
Honey glazed Cornish hens
Parsley buttered potatoes
Rice pilaf
Fried cabbage w/bacon
Simmered carrots
Chicken gravy
Mustard sauce
Blueberry pie
Oatmeal cookies
Strawberry shortcake
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Cherry/strawberry parfait

Dinner

Baked tuna and noodles
Sweet and sour pork
Pork fried rice
Steamed rice
Simmered broccoli
Simmered pinto beans
Turkey gravy
Chow mein noodles
Desserts: same as lunch

Wednesday

Lunch

Five spice chicken
Beef yakisoba
Shrimp fried rice

Vegetable stir fry
Corn o'brien
Banana cream pie
Oatmeal chocolate chip cookies
Carrot cake w/cream cheese frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Lime/raspberry gelatin

Dinner

Steak smothered w/onions
Baked mahi mahi
Mashed potatoes
Baked macaroni and cheese
Southern style green beans
Fried okra
Brown gravy
Desserts: same as lunch

Thursday

Lunch

Turkey a la king
Beef stroganoff
Steamed rice
Boiled egg noodles
Peas & carrots
Simmered mixed vegetables
Turkey gravy
Peach pie
Cheese cake w/blueberry top
Chewy nut bars
White cake
Mocha cream frosting
Chocolate/vanilla cream pudding
Orange/strawberry gelatin

Dinner

Braised liver w/onions
Honey ginger chicken
Chili macaroni
Grilled cheese sandwich
Rice pilaf
Boiled egg noodles
Lyonnaisse carrots
Club spinach
Chicken gravy
Desserts: same as lunch



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Ads are accepted from active duty and retired military personnel, their family members and MCB Hawaii civil service employees.

Ads are free and will appear in two issues of Hawaii Marine, on a space-available basis.

Those interested in advertising must bring a valid DoD-issued ID to the Hawaii Marine Office.

Makepono may be used only for noncommercial classified ads containing items of personal property.

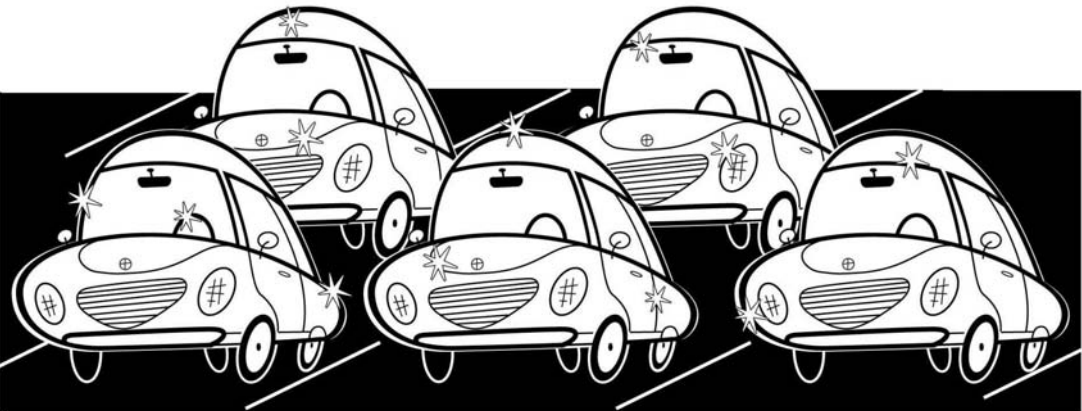
Forms may be filled out Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office located in Building 216, room 19, aboard Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay.

Silent Auto Auction

A silent auction is underway at the Auto Skills Center, Building 3097, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, for bids on the vehicles.

Bids will be taken by placing a sealed ballot in a box provided at the Auto Skills Center. Bidding will close at the close of business Sunday. The boxes will be opened the day after closing, and those with the highest bids will be notified.

For more information, call 254-7674 or e-mail carl.cabrera@usmc-mccs.org.



Marine Corps Base Hawaii Command Religious Program

Weekly Services

Roman Catholic

Tuesday – Friday - 11:45 a.m. - Daily Mass
1st Friday of Every Month - 12:15 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass
Sunday - 5 p.m. - Sailor – Marine Mass

Protestant

Sunday - 8 a.m. - Liturgical Service
Sunday - 11 a.m. - Contemporary Service

Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel Pearl Harbor (Bldg 708) across from Makalapa Medical Clinic
POC Mr. Daniel Bender, 523-4814
Monday - 6 p.m. - Jewish Bible Study
Friday - 7:30 p.m. - Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday - 8:15 a.m. - Shabbat Morning Services

Community Outreach

“Feeding the Homeless”

Our next scheduled “Feeding the Homeless” at the Institute of Human Services in downtown Honolulu will be Feb. 16. For more information, call Jessica Broda 351-6531.

CREDO Hawaii Spiritual Fitness Center

Located at the MCBH Theater’s Courtyard, 257-1919.
Personal Growth Training - Feb 20-21 amd Mar 8-9.

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*The Base Chapel maintains a list of local religious churches and congregations. For information on holiday services, call 257-5138.

Wordsworth's mirth



Christine Cabalo
Kawehilani Bryant and her daughter, Keohoanalani, set up the Base Library's exhibit April 3. 'William Wordsworth and the Age of English Romanticism' exhibit shows biographical information on the poet and his contemporaries, such as Percy Shelley. The Hawaii Council for the Humanities provides the Base Library with 10 exhibits for library visitors to see during the year.

SUCCEED, from B-3

her class are gentle with the service dogs, and students speak quietly even when they're excited to see them. Class discipline referrals were down 90 percent last quarter, and no referrals have been given out this quarter.

Some children notice that a few of the service dogs are labradoodles, hybrid dogs with genes from labrador retrievers

CRYSIS, from B-2

the graphical power it boasts, because instead of just being hit and worried about how much health you have, your just stunned, not even thinking about how to destroy the tank – just adrenaline pumping as you wonder, “Am I going to live?”

Unlike most shooters that lay out a “path” that creates a controlled sense of freedom, and even though you’re allowed to kill enemies however you like (how kind of the developers) you just follow the predetermined path like the yellow brick road. Not in “Crysis.”

Its setup is best described as a “sandbox” map, completely allowing, and in most cases promoting, your own path based on how you like to play. Toward the end of the game it starts becoming more restricted only because of the story that slowly unravels in a grim mountain, and sequentially, other space limited areas.

The whole time I was playing I never thought about how far I was in the game, or how close to the end (when the self assurance was disappearing); which is what I do in most games ironically enough, like a need to beat a game I’m actually not enjoying just to claim my money’s worth. I was constantly trying new ways to kill enemies or trying different weapons, taking full advantage of the environment to defeat numerically overwhelming foes.

A negative of such visual astonishment and breakthrough – everything that sets the game apart, is that it requires a powerful computer. The game also features a multiplayer option, which is the same visually stim-

ulating, reflex testing, eye candy as single player, only with other people constantly trying to outwit and destroy you, providing endless replay value.

To accurately describe this game is far from easy. “What do physics and beautifully, interactive environments do to a game?” It’s really something you need to experience and watch as each aspect of the game magically pieces together.

For someone who’s incredibly hard to impress, I’m dumb-founded – and I’m actually going to see if it’s possible to “skate” out of work to go reevaluate my description.

and poodles. Hawaii Fi-Do handlers also answer student questions in addition to reading stories with them.

Corlyne Haituka, Hawaii Fi-Do handler and owner, said she shows students how her golden retriever, Sunny, helps her remain mobile. Haituka has several joint disorders and other illnesses that make doing daily tasks challenging.

“Without Sunny, I’d probably need to hire a nurse,” Haituka said. “She’s trained to open doors, turn on lights and fetch things for me. Sunny reminds me when I need to take medication, and she’s quickly responded during emergencies like giving me orange juice when my blood sugar was low.”

Susan Leuhrs, founder and executive director, Hawaii Fi-Do, said she and other handlers do similar reading sessions with the dogs at Schofield Barracks. Children are encouraged to come to the library during the weekend to spend some time with the service dogs.

Hawaii Fi-Do handlers visit schools with older children as well, and the trainers show them how service dogs help their

Observe Earth Day by taking proper steps to conserve energy

Shaughn Petty
Special to the Hawaii Marine

April 22 marks the 38th anniversary of Earth Day. In an effort to conserve the planet, the federal government has policies, regulations and laws are helping to clean the air, promote land conservation, improve water quality and conserve energy.

There are things you can do to help save our planet too.

On Oahu, 95 percent of the electricity is generated by burning fossil fuels (78 percent from oil and 17 percent from coal).

By reducing the amount of electricity we use we reduce the consumption of these fossil fuels and in turn reduce the negative impact on the environment by lowering the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. There are many ways to decrease our use of electricity.

The biggest consumer of electricity among household appliances is your refrigerator. It uses between 10 and 15 percent of the electricity you use each year.

Owning an energy efficient refrigerator can help as will keeping the temperature between 37 and 40 degrees.

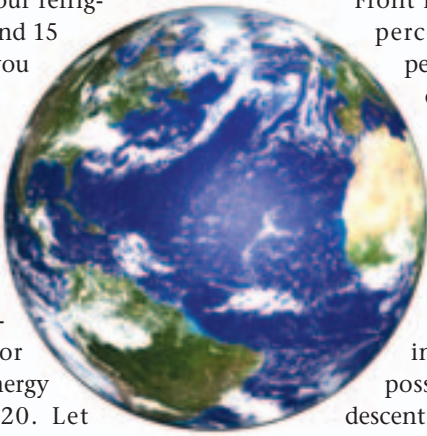
Cleaning the condenser coil can improve the efficiency of your refrigerator and reduce your annual energy costs by as much as \$20. Let cooked foods cool to room temperature before putting them in the fridge. Hot foods and their containers will raise the temperature in the fridge making it work harder.

The fuller you keep your freezer the less cold air you lose when you open the door.

The other big energy users in your household are your hot water heater, your washer and dryer and your dishwasher. Here are some ideas to make these appliances more efficient and to save energy.

Either turn down the hot water heater to 120 degrees or turn on the “energy conservation” setting.

Some manufacturers set water heater thermostats at 140 degrees when most households only require them at 115 to 120 degrees.



For each 10 degrees reduction in water temperature you can save 3 to 5 percent in energy costs. Make sure your water heater and pipes are properly insulated. Install a timer on your water heater to turn off at night and on just before you wake in the morning.

Wait until you have a full load to run the dishwasher. Don’t pre-rinse the dishes; today’s detergents are strong enough to do the job.

When possible, wash a few dishes by hand. In time that will save a few loads in the dishwasher, conserving energy.

Wash clothes in warm or cold water, not hot. Ninety percent of the energy used in operating a washing machine goes toward heating the water that washes and rinses the clothes.

By reducing the temperature, you will cut energy use and your clothes will be just as clean.

Front loading washers use 40-60 percent less water and 30-50 percent less energy than typical top loading washers. Don’t over dry your clothes or better yet, hang them out to dry.

Turn off lights when no one is in the room, dim lights when you can and let natural sunlight into your home as much as possible. Exchange old incandescent light bulbs for new Energy Star compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Avoid using air conditioners as much as possible. Ceiling fans use 80 percent less energy than central air conditioners.

By only using ceiling fans, you can reduce your annual cooling costs by 10-65 percent.

In warm weather run the fan blades in a counter-clockwise direction to feel 5 degrees cooler.

During the winter set the fan blades to rotate clockwise at a low speed to force warm air from the ceiling down into the living space.

Earth Day is a time to celebrate the gains we have made and to create new ways to accelerate energy conservation and environmental progress.

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AROUND THE CORPS

Working dogs help clear Anbar of danger

Cpl. Ryan Tomlinson

Regimental Combat Team 5

KOREAN VILLAGE, Iraq — Operation Iraqi Freedom has made for a safer and more stable Iraq. That goal was reached with hard work from the service members as well as what a group of people call, “Man’s best friend.”

Military working dogs with Task Force Military Police, 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, assisted Coalition forces throughout OIF to prevent insurgent activity by locating weapons caches and explosive materials.

“These dogs use a keen sense of smell,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael T. Williams, a kennel master with TFMP. “That sense (of smell) can locate weapons caches to prevent future attacks.”

The dog handlers with TFMP work in Camp Korean Village, Iraq, in support of 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat

Team 5. The group is comprised of members of the U.S. Army, Marines and Navy, and is ready to assist at a moments notice.

“We train the dogs constantly every week; if we aren’t on missions, we are training the dogs,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Eliot J. Tiashi, 25, a dog handler with TFMP from Daytona Beach, Fla. “By training them every day, [the dogs] maintain their efficiency.”

The dogs acquired their initial training in Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. During the course, the K-9s are trained to locate various types of explosives and weapons. The training advances from lower levels to higher by placing the dog in different environments where they have to locate specific items.

Despite all of the training the K-9s endure, the handlers

still care for them and play with them like family dogs.

“The relationship is like a father and a son,” said Williams, a native of Culleoka, Tenn. while walking his German shepherd “Kitt.” “They make deployments go by easier, because no matter what, you still have your friend there with you.”

The dog handlers with TFMP have conducted operations since January and will be detaching to I Marine Expeditionary Force (FWD). Despite the change of command, the service members will conduct operations in support of 2nd LAR Bn. as well as any infantry or logistics battalion needing K-9 assistance until the day they return home.

“Every day the dogs are saving lives,” said Williams. “Whether it’s that day or in the future, it’s one less life taken.”



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'Kitt,' U.S. Government working dog, searches for firearms and explosives in the Anbar province of Iraq April 1 with Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael T. Williams, a kennel master with Task Force Military Police, 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment. Prior to arriving in Iraq, the dogs are trained in San Antonio, to assist Coalition forces with searching for weapons caches.

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